

BRITISH HEARS ARE LISTENING TO PEACE RUMORS

OFFICIAL CIRCLES SHOWING KEEN INTEREST IN THE NEWS

But It Is Claimed London Has No Part in the Invitation of Peace Discussions.

STRAWS ARE IN THE WIND

Final Draft of Serbia's Answer to Note of the Allies is Ready to Present.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The German army engaged in the battle for possession of the Russian port of Riga has won another important victory. Army headquarters announced today the capture of the bridgehead at Friedrichstadt on the Dvina, about forty miles below Riga. The Germans captured thirty-seven officers and 8,325 men.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The absence of marked changes on any of the battle fronts the English public has again turned its attention to the diplomatic situation in the near East and to rumors of tentative efforts in the direction of peace negotiations.

It is announced officially at Nish that the final draft of Serbia's answer to the note of the quadruple entente is ready and will be presented shortly. It is presumed here that the reply on the whole will be favorable in regard to concessions to Bulgaria although little hope is held that Serbia will grant her late enemy all the territory demanded in Macedonia.

Advices from Sofia indicate that unless the whole of Macedonia is conceded there is little chance of re-establishment of the Balkan league. It is pointed out in official circles at the Bulgarian capital that compliance with the program of the entente allies means actual participation in the war, while agreement to the request of the central powers implies merely friendly neutrality expressed in permitting the shipment through Bulgaria of arms and other war supplies for Turkey.

Although it has been established that London has no part in the initiation of informal peace discussions, it is plain official circles are keenly interested in news of activity in this direction. There are straws in the wind which indicate that what are designated as "proper peace overtures" on the part of Germany would meet with consideration. However, the general public not so well informed as is the government probably would regard such overtures as premature.

While diplomats are seeking to enlarge the sphere of the war and while talk of peace is in the air, the great struggle continues along all fronts without interruption. The Russians are fighting desperately along the Dvina protecting the shortest road to Petrograd. They are developing a counter offensive before Vilna, which evidently is designed to threaten von Hindenburg's right flank. French artillery is pounding the German trenches along the western front.

Reports from Washington that efforts in the direction of peace negotiations are receiving impetus from German sources are commented on generally by London newspapers which take the view if such a move has been launched it is with the object of procuring diplomatic and financial support from neutrals. "There is no doubt," says the Pall-Mall Gazette, "that a mockery of peace is to form the theme for a widespread press campaign in neutral countries."

VIOLENT ARE ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENTS IN WEST

PARIS, Sept. 4.—Particularly violent artillery engagements took place yesterday to the northeast and to the south of Arras and at other points between the Oise and the Aisne, according to announcement made today by the French war office. The statement follows:

"Yesterday saw artillery engagements of particular violence to the northeast and to the south of Arras in the sections of Rollincourt, Wailly, and Bretoncourt as well as between the Oise and the Aisne. In the environs of Vauquois we exploded several mines seriously damaging the enemy's works."

SHERMAN'S MARCH TO SEA BEING OUTDONE

GENEVA, Sept. 1, via Paris Sept. 4.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Lausanne Gazette publishes a letter from an Austrian officer fighting on the eastern front in which he says:

"The Russian retreat is a masterpiece of terrifying, systematic devastation, which recalls the retreat of 1812. There is an immense sea of flames behind the retreating Russian armies caused by burning houses and crops. General Mischenko is followed by well organized detachments of Cossacks whose duty it is to burn everything behind the army. They accomplish their tasks implacably."

KILLED IN ACTION. BERLIN, Sept. 4.—Lieutenant Baron von Foreiner, who gained notoriety as a result of the Zaben incident, has been killed in action.

DASH FOR LIBERTY STOPPED BY SHOTS

NEGROES DENY

That They Had Confessed to the Murder of Dr. Franklin Mohr.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 4.—A denial that they had confessed to the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr was made to the Associated Press today by George W. Heals, Henry Spellman and C. Victor Brown, the negroes, who, according to the police authorities, had previously declared that they killed the physician at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr. The denial was made in the county jail at Bristol.

"Tell the people," Heals said, "that we are absolutely innocent and that we believe Mrs. Mohr knew nothing of this crime. We have never signed a confession and anything so said to the Providence police was in a joking way or in a spirit of anger. Dr. Mohr, to my knowledge, had been threatened by several prominent Rhode Island people. I found a letter in his car from a man living on Elmwood avenue saying that if the doctor did not cease his attentions to his wife he would fill him full of bullets."

Heals said that the doctor's automobile was followed on the night of the shooting and it was Heals's theory that Dr. Mohr was shot by some man who jumped out of a car, fired at both the physician and Miss Berger and then wrecked the car. At this point Brown broke in and said: "I see that the Providence police say that Heals saw Mrs. Mohr in Providence Monday evening. That's a joke for Heals was in Newport all day Monday and Monday night."

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Or the Race Card at the Fair Handled in a Very Capable Manner.

The Clarksburg Advertising Company, of which Dr. Luther Haymond is successful manager, did itself proud at the Clarksburg fair just closed. It had the official program, concession and there was no lack of ample service. The programs were distributed promptly and in plenty of time for all who desired to have them and took them over thoroughly before the races began. They were gotten up and arranged in modern manner and race fans found it easy to follow the races as a result. Dr. Haymond gave his enthusiastic personal attention to this important feature of the fair.

WHEELS

Are to Be Set in Motion for the Layman's Missionary Movement Conference Here.

All of the pastors, church officials and representative laymen of the Protestant churches of the city will meet Monday evening in the First Presbyterian church to set the wheels in motion which will guarantee a great missionary convention for Clarksburg, November 17-19.

Elbert L. McCrery, field secretary of the Layman's Missionary Movement for the Ohio, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia division, with headquarters at Pittsburgh, will be present to address the meeting. The men of all the churches will have a rare opportunity to understand more of this great movement. Clarksburg has been chosen as one of 100 strategic cities of the United States in which conventions will be held during this next year.

GOLDEN HELD

For Next Criminal Grand Jury Under a Bond of \$500. After deliberating over night on the evidence in the case of Clyde Golden, a young man of Bridgeport, charged with breaking into and robbing a general store of L. T. Silcott at Bridgeport several weeks ago, Magistrate Jackson V. Carter, Saturday morning held him for the action of the next criminal court grand jury under a bond of \$500. He furnished the bond and was released.

CONFERENCE

To Open Session Tuesday Evening in the St. Paul's Church in This City.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will open its annual session in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, South, here Tuesday evening and continue in session over Sunday. The opening sermon will be preached at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening by the Rev. G. W. Banks, D. D., of Charleston.

Which Puncture Duff's Automobile Tires and Sheriff Captures Men and Booze.

Not until a sheriff's posse had shot down the tires of Lloyd Duff's automobile did he and three other men stop in their wild dash early Saturday morning in a desperate attempt to escape the officers of the law. The scene of the shooting and arrests was in the public highway at Point Comfort. The posse fired several shots before it brought the car to a standstill.

Duff and party were fleeing from Constable Bond and Chief of Police Moore, of Salem, who were in another automobile, and were in hot pursuit of them. The men had left No. 2, Baltimore and Ohio passenger train at Salem and loaded a great quantity of whiskey into Duff's car there. The Salem officers became apprised of the presence of the whiskey, which the men had brought from Marietta, O., and unloaded there with the evident intention of slipping into Clarksburg unnoticed.

The Salem officers immediately placed them under arrest, taking possession of the car, but Duff tore the constable from the wheel, threw him out of the car and made a dash for liberty. The fellow minion of the law telephoned Sheriff Ross F. Stout here, and he, along with Deputy Sheriffs Laco Wolfe and George W. Conley and Walter Bee, prohibition officer proceeded to Point Comfort and lay in wait for Duff and his party. At 5 o'clock the posse sighted them and the sheriff called on them to stop. They did not hear his command and then the tires of Duff's car were shot down.

Duff and his companions, namely, Charley Morgan, William Freeland and "Farmer" Thompson were arrested and jailed. The sheriff found 387 pints of liquor in the car labeled.

It is expected the men will be given a hearing before Justice R. E. Kidd, Monday.

ODD FELLOWS

Of the State Are to Meet in Special Session at Mannington Next Monday.

A special meeting of the Department Council of West Virginia, Patriarchs Militant, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is called to meet in the city of Mannington at 4 o'clock p. m., Monday, September 6, and all cantons of Patriarch Militant in the department are ordered to participate.

At 8 o'clock p. m., on the same date and at the same place, the decoration of the department commander on a lady Rebekah and a Chevalier.

These ceremonies will take place in the public school auditorium and all Odd Fellows and the public in general are invited.

ELLIOTT'S CASE

Of Contempt and How to Get Him Back to Colorado is Under Consideration.

DENVER, Sept. 4.—The military court of inquiry investigating charges against Adj. General Chase and other officers of the national guard of Colorado today considered means of bringing C. D. Elliott, former adjutant general of West Virginia, before the court as a witness. Elliott has returned to West Virginia. Several days ago he was summoned before the military tribunal and refused to answer questions relating to his alleged activities in seeking evidence for the United Mine Workers against state military officials and Colorado mine operators.

Pending a decision as to its policy toward Elliott, the military court resumed the taking of testimony relating to charges against officers of the guard.

TWO WARRANTS

Are Served on David Morris Charging Him With Selling Whiskey.

David Morris was arrested Saturday at his home on First street on two warrants charging him with violations of the prohibition law. One charges that he sold whiskey in July and the other that he sold whiskey in August. J. H. Tenney, deputy state commissioner of prohibition, is the complainant.

Upon being taken before Magistrate W. E. Starcher, who issued the warrants, Morris furnished bail for his appearance at 3 o'clock next Friday afternoon, when either a trial or a hearing will be held.

WILL CONTINUE TRAFFIC SQUAD

Chief Brooks Announces That Stationary Umbrellas Are to Be Installed.

Many complimentary remarks from leading business men and visitors to the city on the efficient manner in which traffic was handled by the police during the fair has caused Chief of Police Harry L. Brooks to decide that the traffic squad of police shall be continued. The chief announced today that orders would be placed for large umbrellas to shelter the traffic officers from the sun and from storms. These umbrellas are to be stationary and of the type in use in larger cities.

Although the streets were crowded with all kinds of vehicles every day of the fair, there was not a single accident and traffic was never held up for a moment.

Eight officers are to make up the traffic squad. Four will work day, and four will be on the night shift. They will be stationed at Fourth and West Main streets, Third and West Main streets, Fourth and West Pike streets and Third and West Pike streets.

The chief is of the opinion that in addition to keeping traffic moving in a smooth manner, the traffic squad greatly lessens the danger to women and children crossing the streets. All members of the traffic squad have been ordered to pay special attention to this phase of their work.

NO TRACE

Of County Prisoner Who Escaped from Road Crew is Found.

Deputy sheriffs have failed to find any trace of Floyd Adams, a Salem man who ran away from a road crew of county prisoners Friday on the West Milford road several miles from the city. Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe took Sheriff Ross F. Stout's bloodhounds to the scene, but they were unable to find the man.

Adams was awaiting action of the next grand jury under a charge of having whiskey in his possession in a public place at Salem and had obtained permission from the criminal court judge to work on the roads.

LIBERTY BELL

Is Playing an Important Part in Celebration at the San Francisco Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Pennsylvania week at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is to culminate today with exercises in commemoration of the first continental Congress. The Liberty Bell, one of the principal attractions at the exposition, was to play a prominent part in the ceremonies at the Pennsylvania building. The Second regiment of the Pennsylvania national guard headed a military parade throughout the city to the exposition, passing the Pennsylvania in review before Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania; Governor Hiram W. Johnson, of California; and President Charles Moore and other exposition officials.

MOSTELLER

Kindergarten School is Ready to Open Work for the Year Next Monday.

In another column will be found the announcement of the opening of the Mosteller kindergarten and primary school, Monday, September 6.

Special training and five years' experience in primary and kindergarten work fit Miss Mosteller to give a thorough foundation for school work. The class will be limited to 25, so that each pupil may receive special attention.

The kindergarten was a great success last year, pleasing parents and benefiting pupils. This year a number of new features will be introduced, such as the care and observation of animals and pets, the tending of plants and in the spring the school garden.

As soon as the weather permits, kindergarten will be held in the open air on the veranda.

Miss Mosteller's ability as a musician makes the folk dancing and rhythmic games one of the charms of her kindergarten.

A free conveyance will call for and return the children to their homes. Training classes for young ladies will also be one of the new features introduced. Those interested are welcome to visit.

ANOTHER STRIKE.

TORRINGTON, Conn., Sept. 4.—More than 900 men, virtually the entire force at the plant of the Bendley Machine Company, walked out today, demanding an eight-hour day, fifteen per cent increase in wages and a half for overtime. The strike followed the refusal of the company to grant the demands.

FORTY CARRANZA SOLDIERS FIRE ACROSS THE BORDER

HATFIELD

And Dalton Come Here to Show Motion Pictures of Feud.

E. R. Hatfield, son of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, once noted leader of feudists on the West Virginia-Kentucky border, and Emmett Dalton, the former Oklahoma bandit, who was a member of the Dalton brothers' gang, are visitors in the city. They are the ones who took the motion pictures of the Hatfield-McCoy feud about a month ago on the same sites that battles of that feud were fought from 1882 to 1888, and they are here for the purpose of showing the pictures at the Bijou theater Tuesday, arrangements to that end having been made. E. R. Hatfield was in the feud, although a mere boy.

Old "Devil Anse" Hatfield—the "Anse" stands for Anderson—is one of the chief figures in the motion pictures, but many others who took part in the famous feud, McCoy as well as Hatfields, also appeared in the scenes when the pictures were taken. The pictures are in three reels and the scenes depict as faithfully as possible the history of the great feud. They have already been shown to large crowds at Charleston, Huntington, Logan and Parkersburg. After they are shown here they will be taken to Fairmont.

DIVORCE TRIALS

Are to Take Place in Open Circuit Court Here the Coming Week.

Resulting from the new divorce laws of this state there are to be open trials of divorce suits the coming week in the circuit court here the first time in the history of the county. The trial docket has been made up and the first case is set down for trial Tuesday. It is that of Alethea Bell against Timothy Bell. It is understood that the case will be contested and the trial promises to attract a large audience. Another trial set for that day is that of the divorce suit of Myrtle McGee against Walter H. McGee. The divorce suits of C. Lloyd Hagerty against Erma F. Hagerty and Edward Watrin against Julia Watrin are set for Wednesday, those of Regina Kelley Gordon against Frank Eugene Gordon and Ada Sine against Leonard Sine for Thursday and those of Henson D. Gaston against Hettie E. Gaston and Daisy M. Corder against Dallet Corder for Friday.

E. F. Garrett, divorce commissioner, represents the state.

HEALTHY WAITERS

As Well as Cooks and the Like Are Demanded in the City of New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Every employee in New York's 4,500 restaurants and hotels assisting in preparations and serving of food has been notified by the board of health. It became known today that they must secure forthwith certificates stating that they are free from infectious diseases and that in the future they must submit to annual examination. More than 100,000 persons, it was said, are affected by the order. It was said today by Dr. I. I. Harris, in charge of examination, that in the last two weeks, scores of cooks and waiters have been found to be menaces to the health of restaurant patrons.

SHOULD BE FILED.

All persons having claims against the West Virginia Fair Association other than for premiums are requested to file them at once with the secretary, James N. Hess, of this city.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Stephen Fifeek and Sofia Milnor, Frank E. Dawson and Pearl E. Randolph, George W. Powell and Georgia Watson and Joseph Geary and Carrie C. Johnson.

POST MEETS.

Custer Post, No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic, held a regular meeting Saturday afternoon in the Goff building and transacted routine business.

MR. SCHERR IS ILL.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 4.—Adolph E. Scherr continued ill at his room, 1428 Lee street. He is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism and there has been little change in his condition during the last several days. For the last six weeks he has been under the care of physicians.

BANKS TO CLOSE MONDAY.

All the banks of the city will be closed all day Monday owing to its being Labor day. The bankers ask customers to take note of the fact and arrange their banking business accordingly.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Academy Will Begin the School Work of the Year the Coming Tuesday.

St. Joseph's Academy will reopen Tuesday. This excellent school, in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, has been established in this city for more than forty years and is an institution of renown. The teaching body is an efficient one and competent in all branches, including the primary and elementary grades and full course of high school work. Special attention is given to the teaching of Latin and German and a complete study of the sciences is made in the high school course.

In the departments of music and elocution, the academy needs no advertisement. The results of the superior training have been realized many times in the past years and the public at large must recognize that in these branches the school is unequalled.

It is the aim of the academy to instruct, not only in the study of text books, but also to educate pupils in sound moral training and true culture such as will enable them to cope with the demands of life, both in society and the commercial world.

MANY KILLED

In a Train Wreck in Mexico Which is Reported by Silliman as Appalling.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Two hundred people including many women and children were killed in a train wreck several days ago 200 miles east of Mexico City. American Consul Silliman, reporting to the state department today, said the disaster was an appalling one. Another train following with forty-five American refugees aboard, was delayed by the wreck, but reached Vera Cruz yesterday.

TURKISH VICTORIES

In Minor Engagements Are Reported in an Official Statement Today.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 4.—Turkish victories in minor engagements are reported in an official statement given out here today, which reads: "On our right wing on September 2, our artillery dispersed an enemy battalion, which was being drilled. In the region of Kereves Dere we silenced two hostile guns."

RUMORS UNTRUE

Germans Declare the French and British Have Not Broken through German Lines.

BERLIN, by wireless, Sept. 4.—"Rumors that the French and British have succeeded in breaking through the German lines at Arras are absolutely untrue," says the Overseas News Agency. "To the contrary the German positions in the west are more secure and favorable than was the case several months ago. It is evident that rumors of this nature are being spread by agents of Germany's enemies in an attempt to influence public sentiment."

ROAD SENTENCES

Are Imposed upon Two Men for Stealing Train Ride.

For stealing a ride on a Baltimore and Ohio railroad train at Lumberton, Thomas Stakans and Lullie Coan, foreign laborers, are serving sentences of thirty days each on the county roads and in addition must settle fines of \$10 and costs each. The penalties were imposed by Magistrate J. W. Wadsworth at Lumberton Friday and they were taken to the jail late that afternoon.

NURSES ELECT.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 4.—The graduate nurses of West Virginia, in convention here, elected the following officers: President, Mrs. H. C. Loundsberry, Charleston; vice-president, Mrs. Susan Cook, Wheeling; and Miss M. Gaulle, Huntington; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. J. Bullard, Wheeling; and president of superintendent's association, Miss Emma Vlenon, Fairmont.

SEVERE GALE.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Sept. 4.—A severe gale swept over Bermuda last night uprooting trees and doing a small amount of damage to other property. The electric light, power and telephone systems were disorganized.

All Available United States Cavalry is Now Being Rushed to the Scene.

SEVERAL STORES LOOTED

Posses in Search of Mexican Bandits Run Across Two Bombs Left by Them.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 4.—Forty Carranza soldiers today fired across the Rio Grande on an American ranchman named Drew at Cazosovos, four miles west of Old Hidalgo, Tex. This report was received at Fort Brown at 11 o'clock today from Captain McCoy, commanding United States cavalry at Mission, Tex. They also fired on a party of Texas Rangers near the same place. All available cavalry is being rushed to the scene. Today's firing occurred at the same place where a party of Mexicans crossed the Rio Grande and looted several stores.

J. Garza, Carranza consul in this city, told Colonel Bullard, commanding the border patrol here, this morning, that the firing on an American aeroplane near here yesterday was the work of enemies of General Carranza who sought to bring about trouble between the United States and Carranza. He said he had requested General Carranza to place a strong patrol on the Mexican side to stop border raids. Soldiers and citizens today continued to search for Mexican bandits. The posses have found two bombs left by Mexicans. They were filled with bolts and other scrap iron.

POSSE OF CITIZENS KILL TWO MEXICANS.

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 4.—A special to the San Antonio Light from the correspondent with the border troops says:

"A posse of citizens led by Sheriff Bann, of San Benito, in approaching a small native house at the Agua Negra ranch shot and killed two Mexicans who refused to halt. It was found later that a young daughter of a Mexican named Ramirez had been killed by a stray bullet and her mother fatally wounded."

The shooting took place about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the fighting between soldiers and raiders Thursday afternoon. The two Mexicans were identified as local residents of the neighborhood. The officers say they had no intention of harming the women. The correspondent adds:

"Friday morning a detachment of the Twelfth cavalry under Lieutenant Bristol arrested five men near Nebraska station, seven miles southwest of San Benito. One mounted on a mule made a dash for liberty, but was shot down by troopers."

FIVE PERISH

In Flames Which Destroy a Catholic Orphanage in City of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Fire destroyed the St. Francis girls' directory, a Catholic orphanage, here today with a loss of at least five lives. First search of the ruins disclosed the bodies of two little sisters, Elizabeth and Catherine O'Brien, and three others, which were burned beyond recognition. When the fire was discovered the children were marshaled by Sister Mary Agnes and Mother Superior Margaret and marched out of the building. They were quartered in nearby homes. Fifty-two children were housed in the four-story frame building. Only the heroism of the nuns prevented greater casualties.

THIRTY-SIX

Fatal Accidents in the Month of August, Are Reported to the Commission.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 4.—Thirty-six fatal accidents were included in the 1,667 reported to the workmen's compensation department for the month of August. Applications for compensation numbered 1,633, of which 1,454 were granted and payment made in full. Partial payment was ordered in 231 instances and hospital and other costs were paid in 331. During the week ended today at noon, 367 accidents were reported of which number ten resulted fatally.

NEW TYPE OF SUBMARINES.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—A dispatch from Christiansa states that a German submarine of a new type far larger than any previous vessels of this character has been observed off the coast of Norway. This is regarded in Berlin as confirming reports that Germany is about to place in commission super-submarines far exceeding the best of its submersibles hitherto.